Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In different places, here and there.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—The approximate area covered by that?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—40 per cent of the trees; and they were planted again last year filling up the blanks.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.— Was the remaining 60 per cent of the plantation very well?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—We have to wait and see whether they will come up well. Probably, some of them may die. The failure is due to bad weather.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—How is it that some trees alone fade?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The plants planted on rainy days will survive, and others will not.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—How did this 60 per cent survive? Were they planted on rainy days?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

President.—Suppose all the plants are planted on a non-rainy day; will all of them die?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—More than 50 per cent may. That depends upon the health of the plants.

President.—So that is the chief constituent factor.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Sub-division (b). Have the Government any objection to assign away the portion where the trees are failing?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I already said it is here and there that they fail.

Mr. O.R. Chummar.—Those places may be suitable for cultivation.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In the places where the plants fail, we plant again.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—My question is, since they fail, why should we plant anew? Why not lease them out for cultivation?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The plots are scattered all over the plantation.

Exclusions in Malayattur.

166. **Mr. O. R. Chummar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(i) how many acres of land have been excluded from the forest area in Malayattur village during the last two years;

(ii) of those, how many acres have been assigned;

(iii) what were the terms on which they were assigned;

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(iv) were they assigned to neighbouring land-holders;

(v) what were the terms on which they were offered to neighbouring land-holders;

(vi) have the Government any objection to have these lands sold by public auction; was any assigned by public auction?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(i) Nil. (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v). These questions do not arise.

(vi) After the lands are made available for disposal, the plots not required by the *pattadars* of adjoining lands as margins for their cultivated lands or by the Government will be sold in public auction and assigned according to the provisions of *the Land Revenue Manual*.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Sub-division (1). How many acres of land have been excluded? The answer is "nil." Are there lands excluded from the forest area which may be available for disposal?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—My answer is this. There are proposals for exclusion. Some demarcation has been ordered, and after that there will be a legal exclusion. We are waiting for that. Then only the process of getting at that final stage is in progress.

The Pulla—Enamavu ferry contractor.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the Pulla-Enamavu ferry contractor is in the habit of keeping boats and boatmen for the service;

(2) the charge for crossing the ferry;

(3) whether they are aware of the hardships caused to the public by long detention there and by demand of exhorbitant charges;

(4) if the answer to (3) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to redress the grievances of the public by ordering more efficient supervision by a rigid enforcement of the stipulations of the contract?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) to (4). Under the terms of the contract the contractor has to keep boats and boatmen for the service. It has not come to the notice of the Government that any hardship is caused to the public by long detention at the landing places or by any demand of charges higher than what is fixed, viz., two annas. However, an enquiry will be made.

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